

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Satoshi SAITO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/507,129)	Examiner: Scott Long
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Filing Date: April 11, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No.: 8898
For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING)	
ETHANOL PRODUCTION AND MASS)	
PRODUCTION OF LACTIC ACID AND)	
TRANSFORMANT THEREFOR)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant provides the following remarks in reply to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2008. This reply is timely filed, as December 26, 2008, was declared a Federal Holiday.